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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS
SUBJ: PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS WITH MEXICO RE EVENSON GROUP

REF: STATE 193625

1. EMBOFF CALLED DR. VARGAS THE AFTERNOON OF AUG 18 AND LEARNED THAT VARGAS WOULD NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN EITHER THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS OR THE VENSON GROUP MEETING.

2. VARGAS STATED THAT NATIONAL COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY (CONACYT) DECIDED AGAINST SENDING VARGAS TO THE FORTH-COMING MEETINGS IN GENEVA BECAUSE THEY ASSUME THAT SINCE THE MEETINGS ARE INFORMAL, THEY ARE NOT VERY IMPORTANT. VARGAS HOPED THAT IF THIS PROBLEM WAS BROUGHT TO CASTANEDA'S ATTENTION, CONACYT MIGHT BE PERSAUDED TO REVERSE ITS DECISION.

3. ON AUG 15,, WHEN EMBOFF CALLED TO RELAY REFTEL MESSAGE, VARGAS REQUESTED EMBOFF CALL DIRGEN FOR IO AFFAIRS, PALACIOS
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TREVINO, IN FOREIGN SECRETARIAT TO EXPLAIN IT WAS USG'S DESIRE

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FOR BILATERAL PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS AT TECHNICAL
LEVEL IN THE HOPE THAT THIS WOULD PRODUCE LETTER FROM
SECRETARIAT TO CONACYT REQUESTING VARGAS' PRESENCE. WHEN
EMBOFF COMPLIED, PALACIOS EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS THE FIRST
TIME HE HAD HEARD ABOUT THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.
VARGAS, HOWEVER, MAINTAINS THAT HE TOLD PALACIOS ABOUT
THEM WEEKS AGO.

4. COMMENT: WHILE WE ARE STILL NOT SURE WHETHER BILAT-
ERAL CONSULTATION PROPOSAL WAS VICTIM OF GOM BUREAUCRATIC
CONFUSION - ENTIRELY POSSIBLE SINCE ATTENTION AND ENERGY
OF MANY GOM OFFICIALS ABSORVED IN ECHEVERRIA'S CURRENT 14 NATION
TOUR - OR INTERNAL DISAGREEMENT ON TACTICS, WE ARE GREATLY
SUPRISED THAT VARGAS IS NOT SLATED TO ATTEND THE VENSON
GROUP MEETINGS. UNTIL WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHERE
VARGAS STANDS IN GOM'S LOS COMMUNITY, WE BELIVE
HE SHOULD NOT BE RELIED ON AS SOLE CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATIONS
IMPORTANT PROPOSALS AND VIEWS.
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